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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monohan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2622. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2622) "An Act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. Shelby, Mr. Bennett, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DODD, and Mr. JOHNSON, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3308

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ) be removed as a cosponsor from my bill, H.R. 3308. The gentleman from Texas had asked me to be a cosponsor of H.R. 3242, which I introduced, and was mistakenly added as a cosponsor of H.R. 3308.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2366

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2366.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFERES ON H.R. 2660, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. BELL. Pursuant to clause 7(c) of House rule XXII, I hereby notify the House of my intention tomorrow to offer the following motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 2660, the fiscal year 2004 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

The form of the motion is as follows: I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 2660, be instructed to insist on the highest funding levels possible for the National Institutes of Health.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFERES ON H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act.

The form of the motion is as follows: I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 6, be instructed to reject section 12403 of the House bill, relating to the definition of oil and gas exploration and production in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1, MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, subject to rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

The form of the motion is as follows: I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1 be instructed as follows:

(1) To reject the provisions of subtitle C of title II of the House bill;

(2) To reject the provisions of section 231 of the Senate amendment

(3) Within the scope of conference, to increase payments under the medicaid program for inpatient hospital services furnished by disproportionate share hospitals by an amount equal to the amount of savings attributable to the rejection of the aforementioned provisions

(4) To insist upon section 1001 of the House bill and section 602 of the Senate bill.

RECOGNIZING CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP AND PROMOTING STRONGER RELATIONS WITH EUROPE

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 390) recognizing the continued importance of the transatlantic relationship and promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska for purposes of a description of the resolution.

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. I thank the gen-

tleman for yielding. Mr. Speaker, I offer this resolution in that it recognizes the continued importance of transatlantic relations and the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the difficult debate over Iraq, the Sub-committee on Europe held two hearings in June on the future of transatlantic relations. At these hearings, experts from both Europe and the United States presented their views on what went wrong. More important, however, was the consensus view of all of the witnesses who testified at these hearings that the time was right to put the debate over the Iraq war behind us and to begin to energetically consider how to reenergize the transatlantic relationship in a positive manner which is forward looking and which focuses on developing common strategies to address common challenges.

H. Res. 390 urges a renewed effort to develop stronger relations with our friends and allies in Europe through enhanced dialogue and communications between this Nation and Europe, especially through such mechanisms as the various formal and informal interparliamentary organizations which we

have here in the Congress.

Mr. Speaker, as the Iraq debate has shown, both sides need to communicate more. It is neither in the interest of the United States to ignore Europe nor to try to work with a weak or divided Europe. Europeans, on the other hand, need to attempt to better understand U.S. policies and objectives and its responsibilities as a global power.

The good news is there is dialogue, but that dialogue must be enhanced, and it must be predicated on the conviction that the United States and Europe cannot meet the global challenges which confront us both unless we strengthen our partnership and address

these challenges together.

Mr. WEXLER. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and thank the gentleman from Nebraska, the chairman, for his leadership in introducing this resolution which recognizes the importance of America's transatlantic relationship. It is an undeniable fact that the present and future of America and Europe are interwoven and cannot be separated without grave con-sequence to either side. If the transatlantic relationship is to move forward, it is critical that Europe accept the realities of a post-Saddam Iraq and the potential for transformation in the greater Middle East. At the same time, the Bush administration, which has deftly managed to turn most of Europe against America, must understand that military power alone is not a panacea to guaranteeing our security, fighting terror or halting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Ultimately, these goals cannot be achieved without the assistance of our allies in

Europe and throughout the world. It is this message of friendship, understanding and cooperation that I hope will lay the future of transatlantic

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as fol-

H. RES. 390

Whereas for more than a half century transatlantic policy cooperation and coordination have been essential for the preservation of peace and freedom in Europe, have enabled the development of free and prosperous economies, and helped restore stability and unity in the Euro-Atlantic area;

Whereas a central goal of United States policy toward Europe remains that the development of a Europe united, free, strong, and at peace is in the best interests of the United States and Europe so long as the United States and Europe continue to work as partners, not rivals or counterweights;

Whereas the central pillar of the United States partnership with Europe remains a strong and cohesive Atlantic Alliance:

Whereas the United States and the European community are aware of their shared responsibility, not only to further transatlantic security, but to address other common interests such as environmental protection, poverty reduction, combatting international crime and promoting human rights, and to work together to meet those transnational challenges which affect the well-being of all;

Whereas in recognition of the threats posed by global terrorism, terrorist states, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the nexus of the three, the partnership should be expanded progressively from a transatlantic community of values to an effective transatlantic community of action by developing a collaborative strategy and action plan for dealing with those challenges of mutual interest and concern;

Whereas no policy disagreement, such as the dispute with respect to Iraq, should be allowed to significantly disrupt transatlantic relations nor cause any member of the Euro-Atlantic community to choose between partners:

Whereas a renewed commitment to strengthen the partnership through increased cooperation, communication, consultation and information-exchange is required to achieve our common goals, which will continue to ensure peace and prosperity between the United States and Europe;

Whereas Congress has played a constructive role in this cooperative approach to partnership with Europe through mechanisms such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Assembly, the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly which have for years brought together legislators of both the United States and Europe for discussions of issues of common interest in order to further transatlantic understanding and partnership at the parliamentary level; and

Whereas the House of Representatives welcomes and congratulates the newest member nations invited to join NATO and the European Union and looks forward to broader dialogue through their participation in these transatlantic parliamentary organizations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representa-

- (1) affirms the conviction of the United States that, despite the occasional differences and difficulties, the underlying ties which have historically bound the people of the United States and of Europe remain strong;
- (2) accepts the indivisibility of transatlantic security which provides an indispensable link between North America and Eu-
- (3) recognizes that both the United States and Europe face new challenges at home and abroad and must strengthen and adapt the transatlantic partnership to effectively meet these challenges;
- (4) acknowledges that in order to strengthen the transatlantic partnership there must be a renewed commitment to regular and intensive consultation, information exchange and dialogue between the United States Government and the governments of Europe and the European Union: and
- (5) commits on its part to continue to improve the transatlantic partnership by enhancing the communication between the United States Congress and the legislatures of Europe through the formal frameworks of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and various other formal and informal inter-parliamentary organizations.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2660, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-TIONS ACT, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. DELAURO moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 2660, be instructed to insist on the Senate level for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XXII, the gentlewoman from Connecticut DELAURO) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Connecticut DELAURO).

Ms. DELAURO, Mr. Speaker, I vield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer the motion to instruct that I presented yesterday. This motion will instruct House conferees for the fiscal year 2004 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill to insist on the Senate funding level for part B of the special education funding, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA. IDEA part B is the main vehicle with which the Federal Government provides its contribution to States toward educating children with disabilities.

Twenty-eight years ago, Congress made a promise to students, families